

SPECIAL MEETING – MANSFIELD TOWN COUNCIL
April 15, 2013

Mayor Elizabeth Paterson called the special meeting of the Mansfield Town Council to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Program Room of the Mansfield Public Library.

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Freudmann, Keane, Kochenburger, Moran, Paterson, Paulhus, Ryan, Schaefer, Shapiro,

Staff Present: Town Manager Matt Hart, Director of Finance Cherie Trahan, Assistant Town Manager Maria Capriola, Director of Parks and Recreation Curt Vincente, Director of IT Jamie Russell, Director of Facilities Bill Hammon, Mansfield Downtown Partnership Director Cynthia van Zelm, Director of Public Works Lon Hultgren, Fire Chief Dave Dagon, Budget Analyst Alicia Ducharme

By consensus the Council agreed to move the Downtown Partnership as the next item of business.

II. STAFF REPORTS/COMMUNICATION

The Town Manager reviewed a number of handouts including:

- Letters from the Mansfield Senior Center Association, Inc. expressing concerns regarding cuts to their budget and the need for a new Senior Center building
- Information regarding the wheelchair accessible van for the elderly and disabled
- Clarifications in response to citizen questions and requested updates to the budget materials

III. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS

Staff discussed the proposed Capital Improvement programs for community services, public safety and facilities management.

IV. DOWNTOWN PARTNERSHIP

Ms. van Zelm was joined by Board members Stephen Bacon and Kristin Schwab and provided an overview of the progress made in the last year and plans going forward.

V. DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED BUDGET/COUNCIL QUESTIONS

Chair of the Finance Committee Bill Ryan moved the recommendation of Scenario 2 for the financing of the \$400,000 in capital for Fiscal Year 2013/14 to be spent on school maintenance and information technology areas.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Schaefer.

Mr. Freudmann, also a member of the Finance Committee, spoke against the bonding recommended for these projects.

The motion passed with all in favor except Ms. Keane, Mr. Freudmann and Mr. Paulhus.

Mr. Shapiro asked those present to take a moment to reflect on the victims of the tragedy which occurred this afternoon at the Boston Marathon.

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VI. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Paulhus moved and Mr. Shapiro seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Motion passed unanimously.

Elizabeth Paterson, Mayor

Mary Stanton, Town Clerk

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